

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Gregory P. Wittenberg

Title:

TRANSPARENT BIOPSY PUNCH

Docket No.:

1971.001US1

Filed:

May 20, 2004

Examiner:

Kevin Truong

Serial No.: 10/849,757

Group Art Unit: 3731

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

We are transmitting herewith the following attached items (as indicated with an "X"):

X Return postcard.

X Information Disclosure Statement (2 pgs.), Form 1449 (1 pg.), and copies of 3 cited documents.

Copy of International Search Report from Corresponding foreign Application No. PCT/US2005/017656 (16 pgs.).

Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

SCHWEGMAN, LUNDBERG, WOESSNER & KLUTH, P.A.

Customer Number 21186

Atty: Bradley A. Forrest

Reg. No. 30,837

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 31 day of October, 2005.

Name

Signature

SCHWEGMAN, LUNDBERG, WOESSNER & KLUTH, P.A.

(GENERAL)

10/849,757 PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Gregory P. Wittenberg

Examiner:

Kevin Truong

Serial No.:

10/849,757

Group Art Unit:

3731

Filed:

May 20, 2004

Docket:

1971.001US1

Title: TRA

TRANSPARENT BIOPSY PUNCH

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 et. seq., the enclosed materials are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicant respectfully requests that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form 1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, Applicant requests that a copy of the 1449 form, initialed as being considered by the Examiner, be returned to the Applicant with the next official communication.

Several of the attached documents were discovered as a result of a Search Report in Applicants' corresponding foreign patent application. Enclosed for the Examiner's information is a copy of the cited documents and the Search Report. The concise explanation and relevance of the non-English language documents is believed to be provided by the category listing, e.g. "A", "X", "Y", etc., on the enclosed Search Report according to MPEP 609.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), it is believed that no fee or statement is required with the Information Disclosure Statement. However, if an Office Action on the merits has been mailed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0743 in order to have this Information Disclosure Statement considered.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Serial No :10/849,757 Filing Date: May 20, 2004

Title: TRANSPARENT BIOPSY PUNCH

Page 2 Dkt: 1971.001US1

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2), Applicant believes that copies of cited U.S. Patents and Published Applications are no longer required to be provided to the Office. Notification of this change was provided in the United States Patent and Trademark Office OG Notices dated October 12, 2004. Thus, Applicant has not included copies of any US Patents or Published Applications cited with this submission. Should the Office require copies to be provided, Applicant respectfully requests that notice of such requirement be directed to Applicant's below-signed representative. Applicant acknowledges the requirement to submit copies of foreign patent documents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2).

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this communication.

Respectfully submitted, GREGORY P. WITTENBERG

By his Representatives, SCHWEGMAN, LUNDBERG, WOESSNER & KLUTH, P.A. P.O. Box 2938 Minneapolis, MN 55402 (612) 373-6972

Date 10/31/2005

Bradley A. Forrest

Reg. No. 30,837

Nama

Signature

PTC/SB/084(10-01)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002, OAB 651-0031
US Patent & Tredemark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
on of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO Complete if Known INFORMATION DISCLOSURE 10/849,757 **Application Number** STATEMENT BY APPLICANT May 20, 2004 Filing Date Wittenberg, Gregory **First Named Inventor** 3731 **Group Art Unit** Truong, Kevin **Examiner Name** Attorney Docket No: 1971.001US1 Sheet 1 of 1

US PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initial *	USP Document Number	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document	Filing Date If Appropriate				
	US-3,797,505	03/19/1974	Gilhaus, H., et al.	08/07/1972				
	US-5,183,053	02/02/1993	Yeh, C.	04/12/1991				
	US-5,186,178	02/16/1993	Yeh, C.	04/12/1991				
	US-5,570,700	11/05/1996	Vogeler, D.	10/03/1994				
	US-5,827,199	10/02/1998	Alexander, A.	06/24/1996				

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Foreign Document No	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document	T²				
	DE-4418676A1	09/14/1995	Landes, C.					
	EP-0632996A1	01/11/1995	Hossein, N., et al.					

	OTHER	R DOCUMENTS NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T²
		"International Search Report and Written Opinion for Application No. PCT/US2005/017656, date mailed September 15, 2005", 16 Pages	